

FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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Minutes Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Monday March 21, 2022 7:00 PM

LOCATION: 502 Boeing St Pasco, WA

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Marv Grassl. Board Members present were Vice Chair, Terry Utecht, Dan Voss and Martin Pierret. Staff included Todd Harris, Program Coordinator; Luis Esquivel, Lead Inspector and Betsy Crysel, Office Manager. Minutes from the February 15, 2022 meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion from Martin Pierret and a second by Terry Utecht. Motion passed.

Monthly Financial – Review of the Treasurers Report, P&L comparison 2021-2022 and Budget update

Upcoming Meetings & Events – Master Gardener Training, 2/22- Betsy; Simplot Wheat Grower Virtual Meeting, 2/23-TBD; Home and Garden Show, 2/25-2/27, Coordinators' Conference Chelan 3/16-3/18

NEW BUSINESS

FC Roadside – Todd reported the spring residual application was completed. We had sprayed until we ran out of the irrigated mix. The gravel pits and county yards were also sprayed. Todd mentioned \$8000.00 remains in the budget that can be used for contact work. Public Works owes for the spring application and chemical purchased up front by the Weed Board. Discussion on when to expect payment followed. Todd reported Craig Erdman; County Engineer indicated payment would come in sometime in April.

Board Meetings – A notification has been placed in the Franklin County Graphic informing landowners of the change to Board Meetings. The notification will run for two weeks beginning March 24th. Going forward, Board Meetings will be conducted on the 2nd Thursday of each month. The next Board meeting will be held April 14, 2022.

Hiring – Todd reported a candidate for the Field Inspector position had been interviewed. The candidate has some field experience with the Irrigation District and the Mosquito Board. A decision will be made in the next few days.

D.O.T – Todd mentioned the D.O.T. had been spotted spraying in the area along I-82 and 12. Discussion on D.O.T. assessment followed. Todd reported the revisions to RCW 17.10 work towards getting the D.O.T. to pay an assessment but there is more work to be done before that happens.

Other activities – Todd discussed the idea of getting rid of the Honda Passport explaining that although it is currently running problems may be around the corner. Discussion on vehicles in the fleet followed. Todd explained there are enough rigs for everyone to drive including the green dodge which could be put into service if needed. Betsy has transitioned into a pickup and Marcus' truck is in good shape as well. There was a motion from Martin Pierret to surplus the Honda Passport with a second by Dan Voss. Motion passed.

M.D.G.

All the pickups are being serviced for field work. Woodpecker was called on to perform diagnostic on the spray trucks. Spray 2 has an air leak; spray 4 has alarms that keep going off and the water truck although drivable now had been stuck in reverse. Unfortunately codes from the diagnostic could not pinpoint a definite problem.

Tree of Heaven – We have been contacted by Wendy DesCamp, WSDA regarding funding for surveying for tree of heaven. Todd and Betsy reported funding will be \$11,500.00 to be used to survey along pathways of entry for spotted lanternfly into the county. Betsy added the survey work was aimed at getting future funding for treatment. The primary areas of focus will be along the shoreline and the city.

Vouchers 22-125 through 22-041 signed in the amount of \$8,376.12

Upcoming meetings and events – Farm Fair 3/31-4/1

Next Board Meeting Thursday 4/14/2022 @ 7:00 pm

There being no further business meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. by Chairman Marv Grassl

These are the Board of Director proceedings' for March 21, 2022

Mario D. Grassl

Chairman

April 14, 2022

Date

Scott B. Glass

Clerk of the Board

4-14-2022

Date

